

## **Video Transcript: About the Oral Arguments for Prop 8**

LYNN HOLTON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER: There was tremendous interest when the court decided the marriage cases last year. The Proposition 8 cases will also be a big draw.

FREDERICK K. OHLRICH, SUPREME COURT CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: I expect that there will be some very excellent oral argument on both sides of this issue. These parties have all submitted lengthy written documents that are available to read on line. The court may have questions about some of the things in those briefs. The court is trying to make sure that it understands and has fully explored all the issues in the case.

LYNN HOLTON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER: There's room for only about 100 people in the courtroom itself, which is barely enough for everyone directly involved in the case. There'll be a few seats for the press – one pool camera. 20 seats for the public. The first 60 people in line will get in - 20 the first hour, 20 the second hour, and 20 the final hour. That worked fine last time.

FREDERICK K. OHLRICH, SUPREME COURT CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: We had no complaints from the people. They were very thankful to have a chance to be in the courtroom for an hour.

LYNN HOLTON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER: And this is the auditorium in the lower level of the Supreme Court building, where we have room for more than 200 people.

There'll be a big screen to watch the action from several different camera angles. But more than 60 friend of the court briefs have been filed, so those folks have first claim on seats. That leaves about 100 for the public – again, first come first served.

FREDERICK K. OHLRICH, SUPREME COURT CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: We are doing everything we can to provide the widest possible access.

LYNN HOLTON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER: So Cal Channel will cablecast and webcast the entire event. You can watch it from the comfort of home or office, without fighting for a seat.

The Court has 90 days to file its opinion. Decisions are usually filed Mondays and Thursdays at 10am. They're posted immediately to the web. You can sign up on the Supreme Court's website to get notified by e-mail when the decision's made. And you can read all the briefs, and get lots more info on the Supreme Court. I'm Lynn Holton.